# Scott County School District 2 School Board of Education Meeting Central Office Board Room 375 East McClain Avenue Scottsburg, IN 47170

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# Board Minutes September 15, 2021

#### Executive Session 5:30 p.m.

IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. (b)(3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(1) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following: (A) Collective bargaining. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

The Executive Session began at 5:30 p.m. with all members present along with Dr. Slaton and Mr. Brewster. There was no subject discussed other than that specified on the agenda. The Executive Session ended at approximately 6:25 p.m.

#### Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
  - Mrs. Craig called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Recognition of Visitors

Pam Campbell - Spoke against the mask mandate stating that her daughter has medical issues and comes home weekly with a sore throat. She also feels that her daughter is getting minimal help to go along with her IEP being in a restrictive environment. Pam feels it should be up to the parent to decide if their child wears a mask or not.

Shelly Campbell - Spoke against the mask mandate and read from different websites stating that there is not any proof that masks actually work and prevent the spread of COVID. Also, when a child sneezes or coughs inside their mask, they are then rebreathing back in viral and bacterial germs. Shelly also feels that it should be up to the parent to decide if their child will wear a mask or not and that kids are being forced illegally to wear

Greg Colby - Spoke against the mask mandate and shared 2018-2020 influenza season deaths in children in comparison to COVID today. His information came from the CDC website and shows that children 18 and under are 25% more likely to die from Influenza two years ago than COVID today.

# IV. Superintendent's Report

- a. Homebound Report
- b. Staff Exit Survey

These reports were provided for Board Review

c. Apple Learning Coach Achievements

We are pleased to announce that Shawna Slaton, Kasee Hobbs, and Beth Walton completed a Summer Apple Learning Coach program this summer. This program was over 43 and a half hours and was completed through an Apple Cohort of leaders around the country through both self paced activities and virtual workshops. Congratulations to these three educators!

d. Enrollment Update

As of this morning, the anticipated ADM Enrollment will be 2,503 students. This is a decline of 72 students from last September's Count Day. Mrs. Craig stated she would like to form a committee to see why kids are leaving the school district.

- V. Consideration of Modification to the Agenda and Approval
- VI. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Soloe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Mrs. Broady, motion carried 5-0

- A. Consideration of Board Minutes <u>8-23-21</u>
- B. Financial Considerations
  - 1. Payroll Claims 8-26-21
  - 2. Regular Claims
    - a. Regular Claims <u>8-19-21 9-10-21</u>
- C. Personnel Recommendations
  - 1. Resignation(s)
    - a. Amanda Judd LES History Club Sponsor
    - b.Adryane White SES Duty Aide
    - c.John Dattilo SHS Work Base Internship Coordinator
    - d.Shelly Bartoch Maintenance and Transportation Admin. Assistant
    - e.Breana Allman SMS 4 hr/182 days Cook
    - f.Samantha Gilstrap SES 5.75 hr/180 days Kindergarten Aide
    - g. Melissa Doty SES Math Bowl Coach
    - h. Josh Whitehead SES Duty Aide
  - 2. Certified Staff Recommendation(s)
    - a. Shannon Mount Contract adjustment regarding days worked
  - 3. Support Staff Recommendation(s)
    - a.Rochelle Mendenhall JES 3 hr/182 days Cook
    - b. Kari Carter SES Asst. Cafe Manager

- c.Diana Canon SES 5.5 hr/182 days Cook
- d. Haley Brown LES Title 1 Tutor
- e. Amanda Hopkins LES Duty Aide
- f. Duane Hildebrand PT Athletic Field Mowing
- g.Patricia Arizmendi LES Custodian
- h. Maryann Sandlin LES Title 1 Aide Updated to Highly Qualified
- i. Paula Jackson SES Special Ed Aide
- j.Karen Anderson SHS Special Ed Aide

#### 4. Transfer Recommendation(s)

a. Charlotte Campbell - SMS 5.5 hr/185 days Custodian TO 5.5/182 Cook

#### 5. ECA Recommendation(s)

- a. Christopher Franklin SHS Assistant Cheer Coach Volunteer
- b. Matt Pearcy SMS 6th Grade Boys B Team Basketball Coach
- c.Katie Boswell SES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- d.Lakyn Boyd SES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- e.Erin Allen LES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- f.Alaina Sebastian LES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- g.Anna Smith LES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- h.Andrea Gibson LES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- i.Casey Cheatham SES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- i.Tera Bressler SES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- k. Tiffany Copple VFES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- m. Katie Sawin VFES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- n.Clara Allgood VFES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- o. Jacklyn Schofner VFES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- p.Kelly Stagnolia JES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- q.Lesley Robinson JES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- r.Stephen Gary JES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- s.Brandi Thomas SES Volleyball Coach Volunteer
- t.Shawna Slaton SHS eSports Coordinator
- u.Sara Denhart SHS ESports Coach (Smash Brothers)
- v.Braxton Soloe SHS eSports Coach (Forza)
- w.Braxton Soloe SHS eSports Coach (Overwatch)
- x.Jason Bagwell SHS Hi-Y Sponsor
- v. Allison Rademacher LES High Ability Coach
- z.Lori Smith VFES Spell Bowl Coach
- aa.Cheryl Miller VFES Spell Bowl Coach
- bb.Matt Pearcy SMS 6th Grade Boys Basketball B Team Coach
- cc.Dennis Justice SMS 7th Grade Boys Basketball B Team Coach
- dd.Courtney Morris SMS 6th Grade Cheer Coach
- ee. Kara Dulaney SMS 7th and 8th Grade Cheer Coach

ff. William Best - SMS 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach Volunteer gg. Keenan Grogan - SMS 6th Grade Girls B Team Basketball Coach hh. Jason Bagwell - SHS eSports Coach (Rocket League)

- 6. Professional Leave Request(s)
  - a. <u>Dustin Marshall State Special Education Directors Conference</u>
  - b.Kristin Nass Grants 4 Schools
  - c.Nick South IASP Conference
  - d.Jeff Cox Assistant Principal's Conference
  - e. Charles Bottorff Assistant Principal's Conference
- 7. Leave Request(s)
  - a. Greg Hammons SMS Leave Sept. 20th October 8th
- 8. Positions to Post (Date Posted)
  - a.SES 5.75 hr/180 days Duty Aide (8-27-21)
  - b.SMS 5.5 hr/185 days Custodian (8-31-21)
  - c.SMS 4hr/182 days Cook (9-7-21)
  - d.SES 5.75 hr/180 days Kindergarten Aide (9-8-21)
  - e.SMS 8hr/260 Days Custodian
  - f.SES 4 hr/180 days Duty Aide (9-13-21)
- E. Permission to Waive Fees
  - 1. Scottsburg High School Alumni Association
- F. <u>Surplus Property Disposal</u>
- VII. Other Business
  - A. Teacher Appreciation Grant 2021-2022- Second Reading and Approval

No changes from last school year.

Mr. Best made a motion to approve, second by Mrs. Broady. Motion carried 5-0

B. Exhibit A - Resolution Approving Form of Lease Agreemen t

Scott 2 is funding these projects through Lease Financing as we have done in the past with other projects. Lease financing is used by School Corporations across Indiana in order to borrow for renovation and construction projects. The Building Corporation will purchase a portion of the high school building at the closing for at least the appraisal value. The Building Corporation will then lease that portion of the building back to the school corporation. The lease rental due from the school corporation will be paid from property taxes. The lease rental will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest due to the bond holders.

C. Exhibit B - Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation

In order for the Building Corporation, a not-for-profit Indiana Corporation, to issue tax-exempt bonds, the IRS requires that the School Board approve the Building Corporation and authorize it to issue tax-exempt bonds on behalf of the School Corporation.

Mr. Zollman made a motion to approve items B & C, second by Mr. Best. Motion carried 5-0

# D. Permission for District 2 Preschool Program to apply for the \$100,000 Closing the Gap Grant

This grant is offered by Early Learning Indiana. Funds obtained will be used for an indoor play area and other program supplies.

Mrs. Soloe made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Zollman. Motion carried 5-0

# E. Tony Carter - SMS \$12,000 Lilly Foundation Teaching Creativity Grant

This grant would allow Mr. Carter to travel to Scotland next summer at no cost to the district. He will need a Letter of Support from the District to officially apply for this grant.

Mr. Best made a motion to approve, second by Mrs. Broady. Motion carried 5-0

#### F. Permission for SMS to pursue bids on a pole barn

SMS is seeking approval to obtain bids for a 24X60 pole barn down at the football field.

The purpose of the building is to serve as storage for SMS football, SHS football, and track. It would also allow for the space in the current athletic building to be used solely for tennis. Thank you for considering. The cost for this building would be \$40,000-\$50,000 (according to SMS) (Possibly use the SMS Refinance Bond Remains which currently sits at \$229,000...we are starting to do some work in the old Cafegymatorium at this facility to renovate that space and redo the floor...That will end up costing overall above \$100,000. Mr. Zollman made a motion to approve, second by Mrs. Broady. Motion carried 5-0

#### G. COVID-19 Update & Discussion

Dr. Slaton shared a slide presentation to list daily attendance of COVID related absences. The chart showed that once masks were mandated, attendance started to improve daily. Everyone agreed that wearing a mask is inconvenient and not ideal while sitting in a classroom however; because our attendance started showing improvements, we were able to stay open and students could participate in their extra curricular activities. Dr. Slaton and the board said their goal was to keep as many students in school as possible.

Dr. Slaton and all school board members thanked those that took the time to come to the board meeting and speak. The visitors were reassured that the board feels just as strongly against the mask mandate as they do; however, going by Governor Holcom's Executive Orders, we must continue to wear a mask while in school if within 6 feet of each other. This Executive Order stays in effect until Sept. 30th and Governor Holcom will review COVID numbers at that time to determine if the mandate stays in place or can be lifted. Scottsburg Elementary was mentioned several times because of their class sizes, it is impossible to be at least 6 feet apart therefore those students were having to wear masks for most if not all of the day. Dr. Slaton said he would get with Mr. Marshall to try and figure something out so those students wouldn't have to be masked for so long at a time.

With Governor Holcom's Executive Order in place until September 30th, Dr. Slaton made a recommendation to the keep mask mandate extending through October 1, 2021. Dr. Slaton is looking at attendance daily and will continue to keep parents informed of any changes.

Mr. Zollman made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Best. Motion carried 5-0.

One of our new bus drivers Lisa Phelps, husband Scott passed away August 24th. Please keep Lisa and her three small children in your thoughts and prayers.

Irmel Elliott, husband of Sheila Elliott who retired last year as an SMS Cook passed away on August 27th. This is also Lisa Elliott (SMS Aide) father-in-law. Please keep the Elliott family in your prayers.

Scott District 2 has lost a dedicated teacher as well as a genuinely great person. Mrs. Alisa Morgan passed away on August 27th. Please keep Alisa's husband and two children in your thoughts and prayers as well her Scott 2 colleagues and students.

Shelley Rangel's (VFES Cafeteria Manager) father, Damon Campbell passed away Monday night. Please keep Shelley and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

A thank you card was received from Cammie Cravens. She appreciated the candle arrangement sent in memory of her mother and well as the outpouring support from District 2.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Zollman made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., second by Mrs. Soloe. Motion carried 5-0

### **Upcoming Events:**

NOTICE: Any member of the public who will be attending the board meeting and who will need an auxiliary aide should contact the Superintendent's Office at 812-752-8946 to permit advance preparation.

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